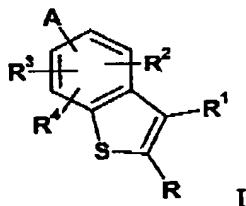


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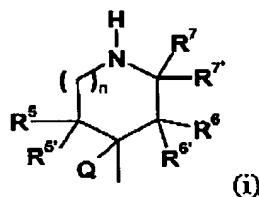
Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the Abstract with the following paragraph:

The present invention provides compounds of formula I:



where A is attached at either the 4- or 7-position of the benzothiophene nucleus and is an amine of formula (i):



and R, R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R^{6'}, R⁷, R^{7'}, Q, and n are as defined in the specification, and their use in methods for increasing activation of the 5-HT_{2C} receptor, treating obesity, depression, and/or obsessive compulsive disorder in mammals, particularly humans.